



Agenda Item Number: 2006-8-8A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: August 9, 2006

Department: Commission **Staff Contact:** Commissioner Alan B. Armijo, District 1

TITLE: Dedication and Naming of a Multi-purpose Field in the North Valley

ACTION: Motion to approve Administrative Resolution AR -2006 to dedicate and name County owned property located adjacent to the Raymond G. Sanchez Community center as the "Henry Gabaldon Multi-Purpose Field".

SUMMARY:

Many public facilities and or properties would not have flourished without the advocacy of outstanding citizens who are instrumental in securing funding, garnering support and remaining dedicated throughout the project. Former County Commissioner Henry Gabaldon, who represented the North Valley, sponsored a bill to appropriate funding to purchase this property. Staff requests the dedication and naming of County owned property adjacent to the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center as the "Henry Gabaldon Multi-Purpose Field".

Former County Commissioner Henry Gabaldon, a life long Albuquerque resident, served as County Commissioner from 1988-1992 representing District 1. Born on November 8, 1930, Mr. Gabaldon graduated from Albuquerque High School in 1948 and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a paratrooper from 1948-1953. He later returned home to join the National Guard, worked for 15 years as an air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Administration, became a commercial pilot flying small aircraft for local physicians, co-owned the West Mesa Airport, was self-employed as a building contractor, and retired from Bernalillo County in 2003 as the Chief Deputy Treasurer under Alex Abeyta.

Mr. Gabaldon and his wife, Bernice, have seven children and are longtime members of St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church in Albuquerque. Naming the multi-purpose field the "Henry Gabaldon Multi-purpose Fields" is a representation of his dedication and contribution to the community.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Administrative Resolution AR -2006

COUNTY MANAGER

Former Commissioner Henry Gabaldon was instrumental in appropriating funding to purchase this property adjacent to the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center. I recommend the dedication and naming of County owned property as the “Henry Gabaldon Multi-Purpose Field”.

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Resolution approved as to form. JSL 8/1/06